

ELECT A GOOD MAN VOTE KEN GIBSON A-1

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Racist Rot

Racist literature is being injected into the mayoralty campaign with the stealth of hard-core pornography.

Creation of fear is its purpose; the manner of its distribution couldn't be more cowardly. From it, one is supposed to believe LeRoi Jones is candidate Kenneth Gibson's chief adviser and certain to be a power in his administration.

The source is anonymous, in clear violation of the election laws. Though Mayor Hugh Addonizio disavows the putrid stuff, he's aware that it turns up in stacks where he campaigns.

He also sits mutely by while a supporter in the person of a defeated councilman-at-large candidate, Lawrence Gately, tries to do in speeches what the hate literature strives to do in print. Nothing official about it, mind you — just so long as it's there.

Overlooked in the malicious rot are a few fundamental truths.

It is stressed that Mr. Gibson was a nominee of the Black and Puerto Rican Convention. Ignored is the fact that in the May 12 election he received 35,000 votes to Mr. Addonizio's 18,000 and won in four out of five wards. And in the fifth, or North Ward, Anthony Imperiale came in first. Without white citizens' votes, no such results could have obtained.

Ignored, naturally, is the diversity of Mr. Gibson's support. It comes from businesses with a vested interest in Newark's future. It comes from leaders in public life. It comes from both of the city's major newspapers. Above all, it comes from a wide spectrum of decent people concerned not with the color of a candidate's skin but with routing corruption and improving Newark.

The dissemination of hate literature can contribute nothing to that.

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